

# Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**REPORT**

**AVAILABLE:** February 1, 2010

**HEARING DATE:** February 10, 2010

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Margaret Middleton, Senior Transportation Planner

**SUBJECT:** CPA 2009-0014 Comprehensive Plan Volumes I and IV  
Amendment (Ordinance # to be determined) Transportation  
System Plan Update Implementing Amendment

**REQUEST:** This is a staff-initiated proposal to adopt a Comprehensive Plan amendment to adopt and implement the 2035 Transportation System Plan and an updated Transportation Element.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Ordinance 4187 (Comprehensive Plan), Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 197, Beaverton Code, Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan.

**APPLICABLE  
CRITERIA:**

Ordinance 4187 (Comprehensive Plan) Section 1.5.1

**UPDATE:** This is the second public hearing on the 2035 Transportation System Plan (TSP) update, and is continued from the December 9, 2009, public hearing. At the December 9 hearing, the Planning Commission and public provided comments on the September draft 2035 TSP. After the December 9 hearing, the draft 2035 TSP was revised and posted to the City of Beaverton's website at:

<http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/publicworks/transportation/transportationplanupdate.aspx> under the February 10 Planning Commission heading. Originally scheduled for February 3, this second public hearing was re-noticed and moved to February 10, 2010. A second City Council work session is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2010, and subsequent public hearings will be scheduled thereafter as the Plan moves toward adoption in 2010.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO DATE:** Edits from the September version of the draft 2035 Transportation System Plan are included with strikethroughs for deletions and underline for additions. These latest edits address comments received during the Planning Commission December 9, 2009, public hearing and from the Oregon Department of Transportation. Generally, these edits include:

- Chapter 2 and Chapter 6 edits to capture comments provided and discussion about policies including but not limited to policies about walkability and access to transit.
- Addition of the SW 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension to the high priority list per additional modeling outcome.
- Extension of SW Nimbus Avenue to SW Denney Road was dropped from the high priority list due to its recent analysis in the Highway 217 study and increase in estimated cost to \$21.5 million.
- Extension of SW Rose Biggi from SW Crescent to SW Hall Boulevard priority was moved forward to 2016-2020.
- A funding summary of other agencies was included in Chapter 4 to respond to Transportation Planning Rule requirements.
- A funding summary of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) projects was added to Chapter 5.

As of the date of this staff report, over forty letters from residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the project area were received opposing the SW 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension project. Concerns included noise, dust and air pollution, tree cutting, negative neighborhood environmental impacts, loss of greenspace and natural amenities, cost of the project, and limited project benefit. Several letters note the more recent City review of the design and alignment alternatives. In addition, there is a letter noting a concern about a potential right turn lane at Hall Blvd. and impacts to surrounding streets.

### **Next Steps**

The Beaverton Draft Transportation System Plan Update for forecast year 2035 is consistent with Metro's draft 2035 RTP to this point in time, so the City is proceeding toward adoption. However, there is additional RTP work scheduled by Metro prior to RTP adoption in June 2010, and products of this work may need to be considered in Beaverton's 2035 TSP. In order to continue to progress toward adoption, the City is contracting with DKS Associates, Inc. for additional support. As the public, Planning Commission, and City Council work on the draft 2035 TSP, changes will continue to be made in preparation for adoption.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

1. Hold a public hearing at the February 10, 2010, meeting and take comments.
2. Continue the public hearing to a date certain of May 26, 2010.
3. Forward the Draft 2035 Transportation System Plan update with comments received to date to City Council for their second work session, as Council requested. Work session is tentatively set for April 12, 2010.